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In re Application of:
JOHN A. BECKMAN

Serial No. 09/025,531

Filed: February 18, 1998

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Official Letter, Paper No. 7, dated January 6, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 14, Line 1 delete "for manufacturing a vehicle frame assembly".

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Jacobs et al. reference. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 defines the invention as a method for manufacturing a vehicle frame assembly